Leakage of Thakkar Commission report

1147. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the alleged leakage of Thakkar Commission report in a section of press attracts the provisions of the Officials Secrets Act;

(b) if so, which sections of the Act are attracted; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard and if no action has been taken, what steps are being contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The case regarding publication of the contents of the report of the Justice Thakkar Commission has been referred to the CBI for enquiry, Offences, if any, under the law can be determined only after the enquiry is completed.

Incidence of theft and luggage lifting in Nizamuddin, New Delhi and Delhi Railway Stations

1148. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the incidence of theft and luggage lifting in Nizamuddin, New Delhi and Old Delhi Railway Stations;

(b) if so, what is the number of such incidents which came to the notice of his Ministry during the last six months; and

(c) what steps have been taken to curb such incidents and provide safety to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last six months 1-10-1988 to 31-3-1989, the following cases of thefts and luggage lifting were reported at the Railway Stations indicated below:

	Cases of theft reported	Cases of luggage lifting reported
Delhi (Main)	19	33
New Delhi	55	98
Hazarat Nizamuddin	..	3

(c) Patrolling has been intensified. Traps have been laid at various stations for suspicious persons and investigation is supervised at senior levels.

Theft in Trains

1149. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thefts of valuables, jewellery etc., in long distance trains which were reported by passengers during the last one year and which were registered in police stations;

(b) in how many of those cases the culprits were apprehended and prosecuted;

(c) in how many cases the valuables lost by passengers in thefts and robberies were recovered and returned to their owners;

(d) whether Government are aware of reports and public criticism that the conductor, guards in trains with reserved coaches and police guards posted in them do not perform their duties properly with the result the thefts and robberies occur in trains, particularly in the night; and

(e) what steps are being taken to improve the position and make the journey of long distance travellers more convenient and safe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Cases of Crime on railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the State Government agencies, including Government Railway Police, which functions under the control of State Governments.

The number of cases of thefts of valuables and jewellery etc., the number of culprits apprenhended and prosecuted, the number of cases in which the stolen goods were recovered and returned to their owners are not compiled by the Central Agencies.

(d) Some sueh complaints have been made to the Ministry of Railways.

(e) Ministry of Railways have informed that disciplinary action is taken against the Conductor, TTE|Coach Attendants, where their negligence in performance of duties is proved.

The following steps have been taken by the railways to make the journey of long distance travellers more convenient:—

(i) Introduction of more sleeper and Air Conditioned Coaches with the facility of reservation.

(ii) Supply of bed rolls in AC-2-Tier Coaches on demand;

(iii) Supply of drinking water in reserved coaches;

(iv) Better Catering arrangements; and

(v) Prevention of entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches to the extent possible.

Government Railway Police provides escorts on superfast, mail|express trains according to the local conditions and requirements. Railway Protection Force also assists the Government Railway Police in this task as and when necessary.

Refugees in J&K

1150. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refugees in Jammu and Kashmir who do not posses the status of permanent residents and are disqualified to own land and houses; to get Government job; to vote in Panchayat and Assembly elections and to get admission in Medical and Engineering Colleges;

(b) what is the status of their children born in Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) whether he has seen a report in the Indian Express of the 2nd April, 1989 to the effect that now Cooperative Societies Bill is being brought there which may result in these refugees parting with their small holdings which are their only means of subsistence and returning of (in-lump-sum) all their short-term and long-term loans provided under IRDP to them; and

(d) what are the details in this regard and the reactions of the Central Government thereto?